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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6572

BILL NUMBER: HB 1203

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 18, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Disabled Veteran License Plates.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Smith M

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill authorizes a person to apply for, receive, and display a Disabled Veteran license plate on the person's vehicle if the person, as the result of having served in the armed forces of the United States, has been rated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as being 100% disabled and is receiving service-related compensation from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Effective Date: July 1, 2010.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Authorizing a person to receive and display a Disabled Veteran license plate who has been rated as being 100% disabled and is receiving service-related compensation from the VA may result in the issuance of additional Disabled Veteran license plates by expanding the category of eligibility.

Background Information: The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs reports that as of May 26, 2009, there were 3,871 veterans who were considered 100% disabled by the VA and receiving service-related compensation and who would meet the new eligibility requirement.

In addition, there were another 3,329 who were receiving compensation at the 100% rate because they are considered by the VA to be unemployable, but were not considered 100% disabled, and thus would not meet the requirements for the bill.

For the last three full calendar years (2006, 2007, 2008), approximately 9,400 Disabled Veteran license plates have been issued annually. For the period January 2009 through November 16, 2009, about 9,037 Disabled Veteran license plates have been issued. There is no additional fee for the Disabled Veteran license plate.

PEN PRODUCTS reports that they have switched to a digital process, which means they primarily produce plates on demand. This means they do not make a plate until they have an order from the BMV, which results in a minimal inventory. Current inventory of the Disabled Veteran license plate is zero plates.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: BMV; Department of Veterans Affairs.

Local Agencies Affected:

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